(b) and (c) Three Indian Ayurveda experts are working on an individual contract basis for a private sector clinic "Medical Centre NAAMI-Ayu, Moscow".

**Break-through in the fight against AIDS**

1538. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Switzerland Scientists have made a discovery which may be a break-through in the fight against AIDS, as has been reported in "DECCAN HERALD" of 8th June, 2001;

(b) whether Govemment have taken note of this discover)'; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such item has been found publihsed in .the "Deccan Herald" of 8th June, 2001.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply at (a).

**Selective female abortions**

1539. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing instances of selective female abortions;

(b) if so, the details of the action to be taken by Government to keep a check in this regard;

(c) whether Government have sought cooperation of the States and UTs in .this matter; and

(d) if so, the views expressed by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In order to prevent the sex selective foeticide, the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 banning disclosure of sex of foetus has been enacted and implemented in all States and UTs except J and K.